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TAGS: PGOR, PINT, PK, KU
SUBJECT: BHUTTO VISIT TO KUWAIT

REF: ABU DHABI 1843

1. PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO AND PARTY (SAME AS
REPORTED REFTTEL) ARRIVE IN KUWAIT JUNE 20 AND
SPENT LESS THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE FLYING OFF TO
TEHRAN. BHUTTO MET KUWAITI AMIR,
FROWN PRINCE/PRIME MINISTER, FON MIN AND MINISTER
FOR CABINET AFFAIRS. IN ADDITION, BHUTTO RECEIVED
YASIR ARAFAT AT GOK GUEST PALACE, ARAFAT HAD FLOWN
IN FROM BEIRUT. BHUTTO ALSO RECEIVED LOCAL
PAKISTANI COMMUNIT LEADERS.

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2. PRESS REPORTS OF BILATERAL TALK HERE ASSERT
THAT THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE COVERED: BHUTTO'S
THANKS FOR KUWAITI INVOLVEMENT IN MEDIATING INTERNAL
PAKISTANI POLICITCAL ISSUES; KUWIAITI ECONOMIC AID
FOR PAKISTAN; AND THE IDEA OF AN ISLAMIC NATIONS
DEFENSE OR NON-AGGRESSION PACT. ON THE LATTER

POINT, PAKISTANI FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHI IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE KUWAITIS WERE IN FAVOR OF THE PACT IDEA, BUT MOST PRESS COVERAGE INDICATES EITHER THAT THE GOK WAS NONCOMMITTAL ON THIS ISSUE OR THAT IT DID NOT COME UP FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSION. REGARDING POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN PAKISTAN, BHUTTO REPORTEDLY TOLD PAKISTANIS HERE THAT HE EMBARDED ON THIS TOUR OF FRIENDLY COUNTRIES TO EXPLAIN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND "COUNTER THE ANTI-PAKISTANI PROPAGANDA CARRIED OUT BY THE FOREIGN PRESS, PARTICULARLY THE BBC".

3. MEAGER PRESS COVERAGE JUNE 22 OF THE ARAGAT-BHUTTO DISCUSSION SUGGESTS THAT ARAFAT ASKED BHUTTO TO USE HIS INFLUENCE WITH THE IRANIANS TO PERMIT THE PLO TO OPEN AN OFFICE IN TEHRAN AND THAT THEY DISCUSSED SCHOLARSHIP HELP FOR PALESTINIAN STUDENTS (WHICH BHUTTO RAISED ON HIS OWN.)

4. COMMENT: BHUTTO'S NOVEL REMARKS ABOUT AN ISLAMIC MILITARY PACT NO DOUBT NON-PLUSSED THE KUWAITIS, IF IT WAS INDEED A SERIOUS SUBJECT. NO DOUBT KUWAIT LEADERS MOUTHED PLATITUDES ABOUT NON-ALIGNMENT AND LACK OF NEED FOR SECURITY PACTS WITH MOSLEM BROTHERS. WE CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE KUWAITIS WOULD FAVOR THE CONCEPT, WHICH IN ANY

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EVENT IS FRAUGHT WITH TOO MANY IMPONDERABLES TO CONSIDER DURING THE INFERNAL KUWAITI SUMMER. MAESTRONE

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